

**INDIANA ARTS COMMISSION
COMMITTEE ON THE FUTURE**

IAC Conference Room
150 W. Market Street, Suite 618
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204
February 24, 2009, 10:00 a.m.

Sandi Clark, Chair

Minutes

Members present: Suzie Rentschler, Anna White

Members via teleconference: Sandi Clark, Earl Williams, Andrea Grossman, Judy Hess,
Gilberto Cárdenas, Jan Shupert-Arick

Members absent: Jeanne Mirro

IAC staff present: Lewis Ricci, Michelle Anderson, Emelita Tolentino, Dennis Hardin

1. **Welcome and Introductions.** Ms. Clark convened the meeting at 10:02 a.m. and asked everyone to introduce themselves.
2. **Consent Agenda and Minutes.** Ms. Hess moved and Mr. Williams seconded to accept the consent agenda. Motion passed.
3. **Year-to-Date Financials.** Mr. Ricci presented a handout (attached) showing IAC budget figures through January 31, 2008. IAC is currently 2% under budget. Due to cutbacks in the current budget, IAC instituted a 3.3% reduction in all granting programs. In most cases, this reduction resulted in a reduced final payment to grantees. In three instances where Regional Block Grants had been paid 100% at the beginning of the granting period, those grantees were required to refund monies to meet the 3.3% reduction. In the future, grants will be paid at 90% at the beginning of the grant period, and the remaining 10% as a final payment. He thanked IAC Deputy Director Michelle Anderson and Financial Manager Emelita Tolentino for their work. Ms. Clark also thanked Ms. Anderson for her easy-to-understand presentation.
4. **Review of State Budget Reduction Scenarios and Program Implications.** Mr. Ricci presented a handout (attached) showing potential state budget cuts of \$500,000, \$1,000,000 and \$2,000,000, and the projected impact on the IAC budget. The aim of each scenario is to maintain as much funding “in the field” as possible. Ms. Clark asked Mr. Ricci to project which scenario seems most likely. Mr. Ricci replied that many factors are still unknown but his expectation is that the \$500,000 reduction will be closest to actuality. Ms. Clark asked for a motion to approve the recommendations and pass them along to the full commission. Ms Hess so moved, Ms. Rentschler seconded. Motion passed.

5. One-time Federal Economic Stimulus Support. Mr. Ricci followed up his discussion of item #4 by saying that funding from the recently-passed federal stimulus package will also play into the state budget scenario, but it is too early to tell what the amount of funding will be or how the state budget office might adjust the state portion of the IAC budget accordingly. Ms. Clark asked if the timeline is known for the new IAC budget. Mr. Ricci replied that the first funding number that will be known is the federal stimulus package. The Indiana House of Representatives has passed its version of the FY2010 budget, and it has moved to the Indiana Senate. The final state budget may not be known until near the end of the legislative session in April. It is also not known at this time whether federal support will need to be spent in a one-year period or a two-year period. Mr. Ricci also mentioned that the Arts Commission offices will be moving to different quarters within the Indiana Government Center as a cost-saving measure; the move is expected to occur in the June – July 2009 time frame. Mr. Ricci then presented a pie-chart (attached) representing all of the IAC granting programs and their respective portions of the IAC budget for FY2009. Mr. Williams expressed his appreciation to Mr. Ricci for his work in keeping close tabs on the progress of the state budget, his effort in advocating to retain as much of the budget as possible, and his work in keeping the commission members and committee members informed of progress. The committee as a whole concurred with Mr. Williams.

6. Looking to a New Strategic Planning Process. Mr. Ricci reported that he recently traveled to Washington D.C. to attend the National Endowment for the Arts review of the Indiana application for funding. He remarked that, on the whole, comments from the review committee were very positive. One committee member was not very happy with the IAC website, finding it “uninspired”. Mr. Ricci explained to the COF that much of the format of the website is dictated by compliance with the state government model, but that ideas are being considered to provide more interest for the user. With regard to plans for the newest IAC Strategic Plan, Mr. Ricci will be meeting soon with Ron Stratten, former chair of IAC, who will be leading the planning process. The new plan will contain provisions for aiding arts organizations state-wide who are coping with the overall economic downturn, such aid not necessarily being financial but rather aid in terms of planning and reorganization as may become necessary. Mr. Ricci and Mr. Stratten will also begin working out the time line for the new Strategic Planning process.

7. Old Business. There was no old business.

8. New business. There was no new business.

9. Adjourn. Ms. Clark announced that the date of the next COF meeting will be May 26, 2009 at 10:00 a.m., and she thanked the IAC staff for all of their hard work. Mr. Williams moved to adjourn. Ms. White seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.